

55 mile an hour speed limit zone. Thank you.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Beyer.

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SENATOR BEYER: ...at times we do a lot of foolish things, but I would oppose both amendments. At this particular time are we lawmakers or are we lawbreakers? We've got a federal law that has raised the speed limits from 55 to 65, now we want to exceed that again. I think your patrol already allows a fudge factor because of the fact that they know full well that there can be a discrepancy in your speed control, also that there can be some variation in their radar, although I have found with my usage of radar over a period of years that it has been pretty accurate, irregardless of what Senator Chambers says. It is a reading of it, but I think by doing this that we are just encouraging everybody to run those speeds and as far as being in the trucking industry and everything, I think our trucks will be going fast enough at 65, in fact most of them have been geared out for the best fuel economically to run at...in the neighborhood of 60, 62 miles and I think that that is a lot of it. There are ones that run it, we know that. We don't like it as industry either, but they are, more and more, as we get into this truck safety area we're running now that a lot of our companies are running with on board computers that really control what these trucks are doing. So I think that we would be better off to stay where we are at the 65 the way the bill is originally proposed and allow the patrol the discrepancy or whatever you want to call it of...well, whatever, to...discretion, I'll get it right here. Thanks, Senator Coordsen, to go according to the adjustments because the traffic volume would control a lot of that as to whether they would allow it or not allow it. And as far as Senator Schmit goes with Omaha, I guess I've done enough hauling into the stockyards over the years of time that I don't see that much traffic running that fast in Omaha during the rush hour especially. We've had to crawl a lot of times with the trucks where we were shaking up the livestock pretty much going in, so I don't see anything wrong with keeping it the way the bill is written.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Senator Schmit, on the amendment to the amendment. Senator Schmit. Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Chairman and members of the Legislature, one point I should emphasize, this bill has nothing to do with